



ALSTON MOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in the held **Garrigill Village Hall**
on Monday 3rd June 2024 at 7.00pm.

Councillors Present:

Alice Bondi, Elaine Edgar, Elaine Grew, Raymond Miller, Dee Monk, Alastair Robertson, Ron Robinson;
Graeme Ransom, Holly Ho, Alan Green

In Attendance: Carrie Pillow

Public Present: 3

APCM/2425/24. Public Participation (Timed item 15 minutes)

This is at the Chair's discretion and no decisions can be made on items brought to the attention of Alston Moor Parish Council under this item.

None

APCM/2425/25. To receive **apologies & consider approval of the reasons** given for absence

Apologies received from Michael Hanley, Brian Davies, Alix Martin, Paul Best, **Resolved** to approve.

APCM/2425/26. To **Note Councillor vacancy & actions** required.

Vacancy **Noted**, notice of vacancy published.

APCM/2425/27. To receive **declarations of interest** in items on the agenda.

None

APCM/2425/28. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on

7th of May

APCM/2425/29. Exclusion of Press & Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

To decide whether there are any agenda items which require consideration for the exclusion of the press and public.

None

APCM/2425/30. Chair's Report

To receive for information a verbal report from the Chair

The Chair reported on the recent activities of mines rescue, Travellers in the area, and the up-and-coming Westmorland & Furness Council cabinet meeting in Alston Town Hall.

APCM/2425/31. Council To Receive Reports (If Any):-

Written reports received will be placed in the appendix of the minutes, verbal reports will not be minuted.

1. Nenthead ward meeting update – Appendix 1
2. Water and Abandoned Metal Mines' program WAMM) - Appendix 2

APCM/2425/32. To receive reports from Committees, working groups & consider any actions required

No reports

APCM/2425/33. To Consider Matters arising, and actions required

1. The information sign on the end of the Co-op - out of date

Resolved to approve the removal of.

2. Payment of Cllr Expense carrying out an approved duty ie travel

Action clerk to write a policy for council to consider.

3. Policies to review Adopt

Resolved to approve the adoption of the updated Standing orders,

Resolved to approve the adoption of the updated Financial Regulations,

Resolved to approve the adoption of the Public Participation Policy

4. Advert for the position of Clerk / RFO

Action clerk to write an advert.

APCM/2425/34. To Discuss Planning Applications & Consider Response as a statutory consultee.

2024/0778/FPA - Dykeheads Farm – No objections

2024/0844/SCREEN - Lovelady Shield Country House Hotel, Lovelady Lane, Alston

The Parish Council have the following concerns: -

1. The adequacy of the access during and post development, and the impact to pedestrians, other road users, possible loss of use of right of way.
2. The Bridge over the Nent, needs full review prior to any development.
3. Sewerage system - concerns that it is not adequate for the current site, therefore need full review

APCM/2425/35. FINANCE REPORTS:

1. Current Balance of the Community Account as at 07/5/2024

Noted as £174404.47

Resolved to Close the PCCU Account

2. To consider payments for Approval

Order No	Date	Invoice Date	Invoice No	Supplier	Description	Total
88	30.05.2024	02.05.2024	2879	Clear Councils	Insurance	£881.49
87	30.05.2024	29.05.2024	752	LCC	Locum	£995.40
85	28.05.2024	24.05.2024	820	Aileen Ellwood	Audit	£180.00
81	03.05.2024			HMRC	hmrc council only	£60.81
76	22.04.2024	31.05.2023	37844	Urbaser Ltd	bins	£7.25

Resolved to approve the above payments

3. To approve any payments required between meetings.

Resolved to approve precept grants, **Noted** Christmas lights to be reviewed next month.

4. To review Internal Report

Audit that was in councillor's pack, **Resolved** to approve.

5. To Approve Agar

Resolved to approve.

APCM/2425/36. To **note** the status of assets **& consider** and action required.

Tyne Willows Playing Field – To request the gate to be returned to original position.

Firs Woodland Walk – No concerns.

Pavilion - The Council **agreed** to a site visit, to review the plans the fitness club wish to do.

Village Seats - ongoing status reviewed

War Memorials - Alston power washed, Nentsbury the ground clean up around.

Bus Shelters - No concerns

Notice Boards - No concerns

Defibrillators - No concerns

Footway lighting - Report of a light out Hawthorn Garth, ? not Council Asset

APCM/2425/37. To **Note Correspondence** Received

None

APCM/2425/38. To consider items for the **Next Meeting Agenda**

Review Christmas Lights Grant
Christmas Trees
Expense Policy

Clerks Role
Grant Wamm

APCM/2425/39. To consider any Councillor or Officer **Training**.

None

APCM/2425/40. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 1st July 2024

Appendix 1

Nenthead Ward Mins

The Gala committee is folding as they cannot put together a quorum, this means they on have to correctly dispose of approx. £2000 they have in the bank.

The Miners Arms continues to raise money for the Community buy out, the amount raised is currently around £70,000.

Nenthead fountain, we are still awaiting ownership details to progress the restoration.

The Community toilets are under threat due to a lack of volunteers, a meeting is planned, and the hope is new volunteers will come forward to save this valuable asset.

COMRU (Mines Rescue) is taking part the weekend of 7th, 8th and 9th June, volunteers required to cook breakfasts and serve etc.

Appendix 2

WAMM report

NMCS are of the opinion that the work schedule the CB are carrying out on the old pipeline from the Mines car park to Hansom Mea is behind schedule, this makes it less likely their planning application will go ahead in the autumn.

We are going to conduct our own botany survey and we have a well-respected Botanist who has volunteered to do this.

We need some funding to be able to pay expenses, so an application for £300 has been submitted.

We are putting together a petition of Nenthead residents to present to NMCS to show the depth of feeling against the WAMM project, a public meeting will be called within the next couple of weeks.